

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

October 9, 2012 to October 16, 2012

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing an application from the City of Norfolk for a Section 404 Clean Water Act individual permit (Joint Permit Application #12-0666) for proposed jurisdictional impacts to Waters of the United States from the proposed Willoughby Spit Improvement project in the City of Norfolk. The Willoughby Spit Improvement project consists of: the removal of seven existing timber groins and the installation of seven breakwaters, with maximum dimensions of 180 feet in length by approximately 40 feet in width; the relocation of one existing breakwater and the rehabilitation of a terminal groin; and the placement of 40,500 cubic yards of sandy material landward of the breakwater as beach nourishment between 8th View Street and Lea View Avenue situated along the Chesapeake Bay. The Department of Environmental Quality has indicated its intention to waive the requirement for a Virginia Water Protection Permit and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission issued a permit on September 25, 2012 for anticipated project encroachment on state subaqueous land. The City of Norfolk has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed improvement consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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